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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, BR, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO BRAZILIAN
PRESIDENT GEISEL

1. WHITE HOUSE IS CONSIDERING SENDING PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT GEISEL'S LETTER OF MARCH 9
(PARA 3). WHILE LETTER WOULD TOUCH ON NUCLEAR QUESTION,
ESSENTIAL PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXPRESS HIGHEST LEVEL
U.S.G. COMMITMENT TO SOUND BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

2. DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 9 WAS MOST WEL-
COME. I BELIEVE IT IS GOOD THAT, EARLY IN MY TERM IN
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OFFICE, WE HAVE OPENED A SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WHICH WE CAN
BROADEN AS OTHER ISSUES DEVELOP WHICH REQUIRE OUR PERSONAL
ATTENTION. -

THE FRANK MARCH 1 DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY
CHRISTOPHER AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA WERE, IN MY
VIEW, VERY HELPFUL. THEY BOTH ESTABLISHED THE COMMONALI-

TIES OF CONCERN AND CLARIFIED OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON
NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES. THE

PROPOSALS WE MADE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FORWARDED IN WRITING,
REPRESENT A SERIOUS EFFORT ON OUR PART TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT BRAZIL'S NEED FOR EXPANDED AND SECURE ENERGY
RESOURCES. I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL BRIDGE OUR
DIFFERENCES.

SOME YEARS AGO I BROUGHT BACK FROM A VISIT TO BRAZIL A
VIVID IMPRESSION OF THAT COUNTRY'S DYNAMISM AND ITS DETER-
MINATION TO REALIZE THE POTENTIAL OFFERED BY ITS SIZE
AND RESOURCES. I WAS -- AND REMAIN -- CONVINCED OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF A CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS. THE INTERESTS WHICH LINK US ARE ALREADY
SUBSTANTIAL, AND THE AREAS IN WHICH WE MUST INTERACT CON-
STRUCTIVELY GROW DAILY. THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE TIMES
WHEN OUR PERCEPTIONS AND OBJECTIVES DIFFER; I THINK WE CAN
DEAL SUCCESSFULLY WITH THESE DIVERGENCIES IN WAYS THAT
WILL NOT UNDERMINE THE BASIC RELATIONSHIP.

WITH THIS GOAL, I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE
SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

3 FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF GEISEL MESSAGE DATED
MARCH 9 AND DELIVERED BY BRAZILIAN EMBASSY MARCH 11:

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BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I TAKE PLEASURE IN
ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 26, 1977,
IN WHICH YOU REFERRED TO THE VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY
WARREN CHRISTOPHER TO BRASILIA.

THE TALKS HE HAD WITH AMBASSADOR AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, THE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, DEMONSTRATED THAT OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS AGREE IN THEIR CONCERN AS TO THE DANGER OF
THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND OF THE VERY
EXISTENCE OF SUCH WEAPONS.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY THEY
SEE THE PROBLEM. IN THE VIEW OF BRAZIL, WHOSE NUCLEAR
PROGRAM, SO VITAL TO ITS DEVELOPMENT, HAS ONLY PEACEFUL
ENDS, THE MATTER MUST BE RESOLVED AT THE INTERNATIONAL
LEVEL, THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, AND NOT THROUGH
THE CREATION OF OBSTACLES -- ALWAYS DISCRIMINATORY --
TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. SINCERELY, ERNESTO GEISEL.

END TEXT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR ASSESSMENT OF ADVISABILITY

AND PROBABLE EFFECT ON GOB, OF SUCH A MESSAGE AT THIS TIME
AS WELL AS YOUR VIEWS ON PROPOSED TEXT, ARE REQUESTED
URGENTLY. PLEASE RESPOND WITH FLASH PRECEDENCE.
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